



## WEST VIRGINIA HIGHLY HONORED

By the Appointment of General Goff to one of the New United States Circuit Judgeships.



*General Goff*

## SIX CIRCUIT JUDGES

Appointed by the President--Goff One of Them--Two Democrats Among Them.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Today President Harrison sent to the senate the names of six of the nine new circuit judges. Their names and districts are: William L. Putnam, of Maine, for the First Judicial Circuit; Nathaniel Shipman, of Connecticut, for the Second; George M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania, Third; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, Fourth; William H. Taft, of Ohio, Sixth; William A. Woods, of Indiana, Seventh.

As the senate was in session today but a short time its members had ample opportunity for a formal discussion among themselves of these nominations. Upon personal and professional grounds every one of them was highly praised. Democratic senators were pleased with the representation given their party in the appointment of Democratic judges in the first and third districts. Republican senators generally declared that any President had never sent to the confirming body a stronger or more brilliant list of names. Such criticism as was made was political and that was very circumscribed. The nomination of Mr. Putnam, of Maine, for the first circuit, has been expected. Mr. Putnam is said to be one of the best lawyers in New England. He has been the candidate for governor, but kept his hands clean from the Garcelon outrage. He was a member of the Joint Fisheries Commission, and Mr. Cleveland came near making him Chief Justice instead of Mr. Fuller. The promotion of Judge Shipman from the United States District Court of Connecticut, accords with the recommendation of both the Connecticut senators.

## A NAME OF EVIL OMEN.

There is a feeling among some Pennsylvania and Delaware Republican senators that the President has made a political mistake in giving the judgeship in the Third circuit to George M. Dallas. They feel that the Republican party of Delaware, which has made such progress in wresting that state from Democratic control, should have been encouraged by the appointment of Mr. Spruance, who was recommended by both Senator Higgins and his Democratic colleague, Senator Gray. There is no disposition shown to make any unpleasant opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Dallas, but an effort will doubtless be made to persuade the President to reconsider the appointment. Dallas is a name of evil omen to many Republicans, being associated with the tariff of '42, which was made possible by Vice President Dallas's violation of pledges and desertion of the cause of the protectionists. This Mr. Dallas is a nephew of that Vice President. He has a very high reputation.

The President felt that he should give some recognition at the Philadelphia bar to the Democrats in the judicial appointments, and it happened that Maine and Pennsylvania presented the best man. Had he made Democratic appointments in the South he would in each instance have given the circuit benches Democratic majorities.

## GEN. GOFF'S APPOINTMENT.

The nomination of General Goff for the Fourth circuit is quite highly approved, but many Republicans feel that to remove him from politics at this time is unwise, as it cripples the party in another border state, where it had made progress toward overthrowing the Democracy. The appointment is doubtless agreeable to General Goff himself, who has been quoted recently as saying that he had spent twenty years and the equivalent of a large fortune in fighting the Republican battles in West Virginia. At first blush the appointment of General Goff might appear to mean that Stephen B. Elkins would not be made secretary of war, as the President should not be expected to give two such important offices to a single Democratic state. It is a more probable interpretation, however, that this only clears the path for the appointment of Mr. Elkins

to a few minutes after the nomination had been received and was the first to appraise him of General Goff's appointment, and asked him what he thought about it. With some hesitation he replied:

## WHAT THE TWO SENATORS THINK.

"I do not desire to say anything that is personally derogatory to General Goff, but it is useless to disguise the fact that it is a political appointment, pure and simple. Other nominations for high judicial positions by the President are subject to the same serious criticism."

Asked if he would oppose the confirmation of the nomination, Senator Kenna frankly said that he did not think there would be any opposition to his confirmation.

As the senate was going into executive session, the INTELLIGENCER sent in its card to Senator Faulkner, who immediately came out, and in response to the question what he thought of the nomination, said: "The standing of General Goff as a member of the bar of West Virginia would justify the President in making the appointment, and I know of no reason at this time which would require me, as a senator from that state, to oppose his confirmation. It must, however, be received in the state as strictly a political appointment. The acceptance of it by General Goff is a virtual admission on his part that his ambition to lead the Republicans of West Virginia to victory and preside over its executive department is hopeless and can never be gratified, and this provides him an easy way to personally retire from the empty honor of leading his party."

## OPINION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

"I expected this appointment," said Representative Wilson, "because I observed that General Goff last summer dropped the remark that he would probably never run for a political office again. I do not know that it will have any particular effect on West Virginia politics. Years ago General Goff was the undisputed leader of his party in the state, but of recent years quite a number of young leaders have been developed and they were gradually crowding General Goff for a division of the honors. Personally he has the ability to make a most excellent judge."

"General Goff appointed," repeated Hon. John O. Pendleton. "I am glad to hear it. From a party point of view the general deserves anything his party can give him. He has worked for it and suffered for it. He will make a good judge. He is removed from politics, and the Republican party loses the most important and influential factor in West Virginia. I am glad to hear that the general is out of politics."

Congressman Alderson expressed himself as follows: "The appointment, in my opinion, is purely political. I have no word to say against General Goff personally, but I had hoped that different motives would have influenced the appointment. I suppose that General Goff sees, as every body else sees, that West Virginia is quite hopelessly Democratic."

## A CAUTIOUS STATESMAN.

An effort was also made to get an expression from the new member from the fourth district, Mr. Capelhart, but that gentleman is apparently one of the cautious sort of statesmen and likes to deliberate over a question before he makes answer. When the INTELLIGENCER informed him of General Goff's appointment and asked what he thought of it, he replied that he had not given it any consideration. Urged to say something, he hesitated, and while he meditated the INTELLIGENCER man waited the result. Finally he said he guessed that he had no opinion to express and wandered off.

Quite a number of telegrams of congratulation were sent to Clarksburg this afternoon by General Goff's personal and political friends. Among the first filed was one from Commissioner Mason, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who seemed much delighted over the appointment.

## THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Committee Arranging for the Convention--Quarters Already Engaged.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 16.—Chairman Clarkson and his committee have put in the day looking over the exposition building and conferring with Architect Adler, of Chicago, as to how it can best be arranged to suit the needs of the convention next June. Part of the hotel assignments have been made. Messrs. Clarkson, Hobart, New, Conger, Fessenden, Haines, DeYoung, Payne, Scott, Clayton, Campbell, Christ, Filley, Cuney, Finchback, Chase, Hooker, Silbey, Barbour and the successor of Quay from Pennsylvania will be given quarters at the West hotel, as members of the national committee.

The following states will have their headquarters at the West: Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Arkansas and North Dakota.

The West will care for half of each delegation. These having been provided for, the rule of first come first served, will be followed. The West already has applications from scores of prominent men, including such as Depew, Platt, Fassett and James Gordon Bennett, of New York. There are applications from seventy-five newspapers so far, and from club delegations from Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

## PROMINENT MAN ARRESTED

At Franklin, Pa., on a Charge of Burglary. He is Held for Court.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—A Commercial Gazette, Franklin, Pa., special says: W. H. Winans, a wealthy farmer, prominent in church, social and political circles, was arrested to-night on a charge of burglary. Numerous heavy robberies were committed in Venango and surrounding counties, and a man named Brooks was arrested. It is alleged that he made a confession implicating Winans. The accused was held for court. The arrest has caused a sensation.

## Shuts Out the Vanderbilts.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Pennsylvania Company has secured control of the Pittsburgh, Chartiers & Youghiogheny Railroad, a line only fifteen miles long, but which taps 30,000 acres of the richest coal lands in this section. The road runs from Beechmont to Chartiers, and will be connected with the Pennsylvania lines by the Ohio connecting bridge. The capital stock is \$500,000. It is understood that the purchase of the road shuts out the Vanderbilts' system from that territory.

## HIS FIRST MISTAKE.

The New Democratic Speaker Overrides all the Precedents.

## A VERY DECIDED INNOVATION

In the Appointment of the Committee on Rules--Ex-Speaker Reed Points Out What He Thinks was a Grievous Error on the part of Speaker Crisp. Why the Chairmen of the two Great Committees of the House Should be Members--Mr. Reed will Present the Old Rules for Adoption--The "Steering" Committee a Necessity for Expediting Public Business.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The innovation made by Speaker Crisp in the appointment of the committee on rules does not commend itself to ex-Speaker Reed's judgment. After the announcement of the committee had been made to-day, he said: "I appointed the committee on rules to consist of four men, two of whom were the chairmen of the committees on ways and means and appropriations, because both those committees have the right of way in the house, and therefore the chairmen would not want to gain an undue advantage for their committees at the expense of others. Furthermore, the chairmen of those two committees are practically the advisers of the speaker; they know the great legislation which is to come before the house, and they are in a better position to pass on the order of business than are chairmen or members of other committees. Despite the great outcry which was raised against us in the last Congress there must be a steering committee to arrange the order of business, and decide how and in what way certain measures shall be considered. That was the sole object of the rules of the last house, to do business in a business-like and systematic way; and while this is a great country and it takes the people some time to understand things I do not believe that it has misunderstood. If the rules of the last Congress were to be an issue, I do not think there would be any doubt as to their being sustained by the country."

"As the leading member of the minority on the committee do you propose to offer the rules of the last Congress for adoption in this?"

"Yes," said Mr. Reed, with considerable emphasis. "We are willing to be governed by the same rules we adopted for their government. If they try to shirk the responsibility for it, they must answer."

"Are you in favor of Mr. Oates' plan of a committee of fifteen members to pass upon the order of business?"

"I did not get the full text of the resolution, but as I understand it, it is practically lodging the order of business in a committee of fifteen members instead of as now a committee of five. The results are practically the same. There must be some such committee appointed, and the committee after all has to do about as the house wants it to do. This house is not always mild mannered and gentle, and in the main the majority is able to carry out its wishes even though they may not meet with the approval of a committee."

When the house meets again on Saturday the committee will have made sufficient progress, Mr. Reed thinks, to be able to report the number of committees, which will enable the speaker to announce the membership. If not then, as soon thereafter as he likes, Mr. Reed thinks that the ways and means committee may be increased to fifteen members, and the membership of one or two of the other committees increased, but with those exceptions he believes there will be little change, and the committees will be practically the same as in the last two Congresses. The committee will formulate the rules during the recess so as to have them in shape to be able to submit them to a Democratic caucus just before the re-assembling of the house.

## HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on Rules Appointed--The Speaker Springs a Surprise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house re-assembled to-day and Speaker Crisp announced the appointment of the committee on rules, as follows: The speaker (chairman), Messrs. McMillan, Catchings, Reed and Burrows.

There was some surprise at the selection of Mr. Catchings, as it was thought that Mr. Springer would be the next member after the speaker.

It is apparent that Speaker Crisp has put behind all precedents and does not intend to follow the usual schedule in the make-up of the committees. It is now said that the speaker is inclined to reconsider his selection of Springer for the head of the ways and means committee, owing to the objections of the radical free traders.

Mr. McMillan, of Tennessee, who is one of the new members of the committee on rules, is prominent as a tariff reformer, and was one of the most active members of the ways and means committee. He says that he is in favor of the appointment of Mr. Mills as chairman of the last named committee. After the committee on rules had been announced Mr. Oates, of Alabama, offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a standing committee on order of business, to consist of fifteen members, of which the speaker shall be ex-officio chairman, and which shall have jurisdiction of the order in which business shall be considered, having due regard to fairness and equity among the several committees and to the transaction of public business. Referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Bartine, of Nevada, who has been absent on account of illness, appeared at the bar of the house and took the oath of office.

Mr. Taylor, of Tennessee, then said that it was his mournful duty to announce the death of his friend and colleague, the Hon. Leonidas C. Honk, who died suddenly from accidental poisoning at his home in Knoxville, in May last. Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Honk, after serving gallantly in the war, and after having held various state offices, had been elected to the Forty-sixth Congress and to each successive Congress since. He had a hold on his po-

ple far beyond that of any other man and combination of men. Had he lived, he could have been returned to Congress as long as he might have desired to remain in public service. He died poor in this world's goods, but rich in the friendship and love of his countrymen. The house then, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned till Saturday.

## KENNA AND FAULKNER

And Their Assignments on the Senate Committees.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Kenna will not be a member of the committee on privileges and elections, as stated last night. The senator was, it is understood, offered his choice of that place or a place on foreign relations, and he chose the latter. He will, therefore, be a member of the committee on foreign relations; on the world's fair; on expenditures in the executive departments, and on commerce. The latter committee has charge of the river and harbor appropriation bill.

Senator Faulkner will retain his position on the District of Columbia committee and be a member of the committee on claims, Indian depredations, Pacific railroads and mines and mining. The committee assignments in the senate will probably be announced to-morrow.

## WEST VIRGINIA BUILDINGS.

No Elevator Will Be Placed in the Wheeling Custom House.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—In the annual report of the supervising architect of the treasury department, submitted to-day, reference is made to the condition and needs of public buildings in West Virginia as follows:

Martinsburg Court house, appropriation \$75,000. Sketch plans and detailed estimates for the building have been commenced, and as soon as they shall have completed the working drawings, specifications will be prepared and all action necessary to secure the commencement of the work of erecting the building will be completed as soon as possible.

As to the Wheeling custom house, upon further consideration it has been found impracticable to place the elevator in this building, the only available space being too limited to permit the construction of such an elevator as would make it of any practicable value, and it would be necessary to construct an addition to the building before the elevator can be placed.

## To Relieve West Virginians.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Faulkner to-day introduced the following bills in the senate:

For relief of the legal representatives of Lewis W. Washington, of Jefferson county, W. Va.

To refund to the state of West Virginia the money paid to officers of the Thirteenth West Virginia militia for services rendered during the rebellion. For the relief of Asa Kelly and James M. Stout.

## THEY PAY BIG.

Earnings of Monongahela Coal and Coke, and River Railroad Companies.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Directors and stockholders of the Monongahela River Railroad Company and of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia, were in session to-day at the Carrollton hotel in this city.

The gentlemen present to-day included ex-United States Senator Fair, of California; ex-President Spencer, of the Baltimore & Ohio; Gen. B. D. Spillman, Alexander Fulton, of Shamokin, Pa.; Governor Fleming and J. E. Simonds, of West Virginia.

The Monongahela Coal and Coke Co.'s earnings for the past year were equal to 44 per cent. on a capital stock of \$2,000,000, but these earnings have been applied to the betterments and general improvement of their plant.

The Monongahela River railroad, although fifteen months old, has paid all fixed charges from its earnings, besides earning just as much more, which sum has gone in betterments.

The gross earnings August 1, 1890, till November 1, 1891, were \$138,909, and the net earnings \$62,439. The road will be extended into the city of Fairmont. Ex-Senator Fair has about \$1,000,000 invested in West Virginia.

## CYRUS W. FIELD SINKING

Into That Sleep From Which He Will Never Waken on Earth.

New York, Dec. 16.—10 p. m.—Cyrus W. Field is sinking, and not even his brother, who called to-day, was permitted to see him. Dr. Fuller, his physician, says he has now lost all hope of his ultimate recovery, but he does not think death will claim him for some days.

## CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

In the Barnaby trial at Denver, yesterday, Mrs. E. S. Worrell, the traveling companion of Mrs. Barnaby, testified that Dr. Graves was the adviser of the deceased in medical and financial affairs. Evidence was introduced by the prosecution to show that Dr. Graves always intimidated Mrs. Barnaby. Nothing of a sensational character transpired.

Among the senate confirmations yesterday were Lorenzo Croun, to be assistant secretary of the treasury, and William D. Owen, superintendent of immigration.

The operators and dispatchers of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad gained their point for an increase of wages. The strike has been declared off.

Grand Master Frank Sweeney, of the Switchmen's Aid Association, denounces the proposed new federation of railway employees.

The Irwin, Pa., bank closed its doors yesterday. Pool & Son, proprietors of the bank, claim they will pay dollar for dollar.

The Russian steamer Prince Solikoff was wrecked off Best. Twenty in all, except the captain, were drowned.

Burglars entered the dwelling of W. H. Rhodes, of Altoona, Pa., last night and secured \$1,000 in cash.

The Colima, Mexico, volcano underwent another eruption yesterday. Several houses collapsed.

Incendiary fire at Vermilion, Ohio, destroyed business houses to the amount of \$40,000.

## IT IS THE UNEXPECTED

That Happens in Oil as Well as Other Matters.

## THE ALMOST FORSAKEN FIELD

At Smith's Ferry, of Sad Memory in This Section, Shows up a Well Making a Thousand Barrels a Day. No Precautions Having Been Taken for Such an Unexpected Flow Disastrous Results Follow--The Well Catches Fire and Consumes Everything Within Reach--The Production in the McDonald Territory.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 16.—Perhaps the most exciting event in oil circles to-day was the strike at the well of Dawson, McNair & Co., in the Smith's Ferry field, Beaver county. The well was reported last week as in the sand and showing for a producer, but that one which would make 1,000 barrels a day would be found was altogether unexpected. It is on the thirty-five acre tract of the Ferry Company, and is between Georgetown and the Ohio river. As soon as the bit got enough into the sand to get the pay the oil began to flow at the rate of fifty barrels an hour. No precautions had been taken to save the oil or avoid fire, as everybody expected the well would be a dry hole. The consequence of the neglect to move the force was disastrous. The gas and oil caught fire and the rig, rope, engine and nearly everything else connected with the well was destroyed. The flame from the burning oil shot up eighty feet high, and at a late hour tonight the well was still on fire, all efforts to extinguish the flames proving unavailing.

It looks like a new field, and the omnipresent leaser is on the ground taking up the territory to the southwest.

The production in the McDonald field to-day was the same as that for the previous day, 51,000 barrels. The stocks in the field were also the same as reported Tuesday, 110,000 barrels. The new wells which came in the first three days of this week have served not only to increase the production over that of Saturday, but also to hold it up to the present estimate. Only one well was reported in the Gordon sand yesterday. The Robbins No. 1, of Nolan & Co., at Laurel Hill, tapped the Gordon, and last night was reported to be making oil at the rate of thirty barrels an hour. This well is now the best Gordon sand producer in the field.

## WHAT DOES WILSON SAY?

The West Virginia Congressman Elected President of Richmond, Va., College.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 16.—Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, has been elected president of Richmond college by the trustees of that institution.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR

Resolves to Help the Pittsburgh Job Printers in Their Strike.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 16.—At the morning session of the Federation of Labor the president announced special committees on high dues, unfair immigration, Knights of Labor proposition, eight hour question and woman's federation.

Reports of committees being in order Senator J. F. McNeal, of the committee on resolutions, read the majority report on motion to appropriate \$3,000 to help the Pittsburgh Typographical Union fight the injunction or conspiracy cases in the courts.

After a long discussion, in which Vice President McGuire led the opposition to the majority report, that report was overwhelmingly adopted.

## A DESPERATE DEMON

Of the Kanawha Valley Attempts a Most Frenzied Outrage.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 16.—Last night Joseph Nichols was lodged in jail here on a charge of attempted rape. From statements it seems that Nichols, who is a young man about nineteen years of age, yesterday afternoon went to the house of Mrs. Mary Cabell, an aged colored woman, living near the poor farm, and going upstairs to her room, made an indecent proposal to her, which she indignantly repulsed. He then drew a revolver, threatening to force her to comply with his wishes, when she at once called for help so loudly that the entire neighborhood was aroused. Mrs. Cabell is about seventy years of age and has been ill for some time, being now unable to come to the city to appear against her assailant.

## SPLIT IN TWAIN.

The Mississippi Democrats are Holding Two State Conventions.

BAKON ROUGE, Dec. 16.—The Democratic state nominating convention which met here to-day is composed of 686 delegates proper, but as double delegations were elected in many cases, there will probably be 800 or 900 present.

The campaign throughout the state has been very acrimonious between the anti-lottery faction of the party on one side and those who favor the adoption of the revenue amendments to the constitution—known as the lottery amendments—on the other.

The two factions could not agree, and as a consequence two conventions were organized and adjourned until tomorrow.

## B. &amp; O. Divided.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Baltimore & Ohio have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. on the first and second series of the preferred stock, and re-elected President Chas. F. Mayer for a fourth term.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia colder, fair, north winds, fair Friday.

For Western Pennsylvania, fair; colder in northern and warmer in southern portions; northwest winds.

For Ohio, continued cold north winds and fair weather Thursday; slightly warmer Friday.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

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7 a. m. 32. 10 a. m. 34. 1 p. m. 36. 4 p. m. 38. 7 p. m. 36. 10 p. m. 34.

12 a. m. 32. 1 p. m. 34. 2 p. m. 36. 3 p. m. 38. 4 p. m. 36. 5 p. m. 34.